



# **SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS**

## **BULLETIN 1**

### **UPDATE TO PUBLICATION 1346N FOR TAX YEAR 2009**

**October 21, 2009**

This document supplements Nebraska Publication 1346N, and is intended to notify software developers in the Federal/State Electronic Filing Program of changes to original specifications releases.

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## **Generic Record Specifications Changes and Clarifications Since the September 2009 Draft:**

### **IAT INDICATOR**

In the September draft, the IAT instruction did not contain specifics about what value was required, and was indicated as Optional. It is our understanding that because Sequence Number 0070 is alpha data, the use of '1' for checked and '0' for not checked will not work. Instead, the value supplied must be 'X' for checked and blank for not checked. Because of the NACHA rule, the question must be asked by the ERO and recorded into the software, however because the values provided are either 'X' or blank, the supplied value itself is necessarily optional.

### **NEBRASKA MANDATE LEGISLATION**

The second draft version of our specifications that we released did not contain information about Nebraska's new mandated legislation. We are in the process of developing a Q and A for the mandate and designing an 'Opt-out' form. Once these are ready, they will be posted on the Developer page on our website. Here is the original language that was in our initial draft.

Beginning January 1, 2010, any ERO that prepares and files more than 250 individual income tax returns annually must file the returns electronically. Penalties may apply to tax professionals that do not file returns electronically as required. Additional tax programs may also be integrated into the e-file mandate at the Tax Commissioner's discretion. The taxpayer opt-out form and other related mandate information is available on the Developer's page on our Web site. If you have additional questions, please contact Garner Girthoffer at [garner.girthoffer@nebraska.gov](mailto:garner.girthoffer@nebraska.gov).

### **NEBRASKA TO LAUNCH A NEW WEB SITE**

We are making significant changes to our Web site this year. The launch for this new site is currently being planned for sometime in November or December 2009. The look and feel will be much different; however, the information will remain pretty much the same as what is on our site now. A follow-up email will be sent to you announcing the exact date of the conversion, and details about what will be different.